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FREEDOM AND FOREIGN POLICY, by Senator Thomas J. Dodd (The Book-maller, \$4). Senator Dodd has brought forth a book which should be read by every American in this year of crisis, even if he reads nothing else. A compilation of the Senator's foreign policy speeches during the past three years, this volume is a wide-ranging examination of the crisis imposed upon the West by the threat of Communism. It is marked by an unfaltering perception of what Communism really is—a force dedicated at all times and in all places to our destruction, a force with which there can be no compromise—and by a clear vision of Soviet grand strategy. And, above all, it is marked by painstaking fidelity to fact. Dodd is at his best when, having established the strategic framework of his inquiry, he carefully piles detail upon detail, to demonstrate what is happening in the Congo, or Laos, or Berlin, showing precisely where Western policy has failed to come to grips with events, precisely what ought to be done to put things aright. Striking examples are the chapters on Indonesia and New Guinea, British Guiana, the Congo—and a masterpiece of analysis on nuclear testing. The result is the more impressive when we reflect that a number of Dodd's truly excellent speeches, including the earlier addresses on the Congo and a recent

survey of the crisis in Laos, have not been included. Dodd is, of course, a philosophical Liberal, and some of his sentiments and a few of his asides will not be in total harmony with conservative opinion. Yet this gives all the more significance to his patient accumulation of fact and his unflagging devotion to the anti-Communist cause. Would that many conservatives tackled the problem of Communism with Senator Dodd's own brand of knowledgeable persistence.

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